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SUBJECT: WORLD AIRWAYS PRESIDENT'S REQUEST FOR SECURITY BRIEFINGS

REF: TOKYO 4391

1. MR. DALY, NEVER, REPEAT, NEVER SET FOOT ON SOIL OF THE KINGDOM OF THE MILLION ELEPHANTS.

2. HIS REPRESENTATIVE, ROBERT M. KLINE, DIRECTOR AIR AGREEMENTS, AIRCRAFT MARKETING, VISITED LAOS, HAD CONTACT WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ROYAL AIR LAOS, PRINCE PANYA SOUVANNA PHOUMA, AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR.

3. NO, REPEAT, NO SECURITY BRIEFINGS WERE REQUESTED. WE HAD HOPED WORLD AIRWAYS PRESIDENT DALY WOULD VISIT US BUT HIS TRIP PRESUMABLY DUE TO SITUATION IN VIETNAM WAS CANCELLED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WORLD AIRWAYS INTEREST IN LAOS WAS RESTRICTED TO FINDING OUT WHETHER OR NOT THEY COULD LEASE OR CHARTER ONE OF THEIR BOEING 727'S TO RAL PROVIDED ADEQUATE FINANCIAL GUARANTEES WERE RECEIVED. GIVEN THE PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION OF RAL AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION (PGNU), WE COUNSELED MR. KLINE THAT
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WORLD AIRWAYS SHOULD NOT, REPEAT, NOT LEASE ONE OF

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THEIR AIRCRAFT TO RAL UNLESS THEY WOULD OBTAIN 3 - 6 MONTH
ADVANCE DEPOSITS AGAINST WHATEVER AMOUNT THEIR MONTHLY
LEASING ARRANGEMENTS WOULD AMOUNT TO.

4. DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY/TOKYO MIGHT WISH TO INFORM
WA PRESIDENT DALY THAT A SUCCESSFUL CEASEFIRE HAS
EXISTED IN LAOS SINCE FEBRUARY 1973 AND A FUNCTIONING
PGNU WAS FORMED ONE YEAR AGO APRIL 5, 1974, HENCE
THERE WOULD APPEAR NO NEED FOR DAILY SECURITY BRIEFINGS
ABOUT THE LAOS SITUATION.
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